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Reserve the scenic and historic Sandstone Ranch house for your next small meeting, retreat or special event, including weddings, anniversary parties and family gatherings. Both indoor and outdoor spaces are available.

For more information, visit LongmontColorado.gov/Sandstone, email SSRHouse@LongmontColorado.gov or call 303-774-4757.



Be sure you're registered to VOTE!

In the local election this November, voters will elect a mayor, one at-large city council member, and the Ward I and Ward III council members.

New Colorado voter registration rules make it easier than ever to register to vote, but there are some deadlines you should be aware of:

- **October 12** – The day by which you must be a Colorado resident in order to vote in the 2015 election.
- **October 26** – Last day to register to vote by mail, at an agency, at the Division of Motor Vehicles, or online (VoteBoulder.org). You can pick up a registration form at the Longmont Public Library or the Longmont City Clerk's Office.
- **November 3** – Election Day! If you meet the residency requirement, you can register in person to vote on Election Day at a Voter Service and Polling Center in Boulder County. In Longmont, there will be a Voter Service and Polling Center at 529 Coffman Street.

For more information about voting in Boulder County, visit VoteBoulder.org or call the Longmont City Clerk's office at 303-651-8649.



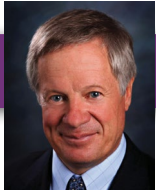
Travel to Japan or Mexico *with* LONGMONT SISTER CITIES

An adventure awaits you!

Longmont Sister Cities Association (LSCA) is sending students for home-stay to Chino, Japan, and Guzman, Mexico, in the summer of 2016, but you need to act now. LSCA is looking for two chaperones and eight students to visit each country. Before your visit, you'll receive training on the customs, culture and language of your host country. Then, following your return to Longmont, you will host the student that you stayed with for 10 days of activities and fun outings.

Learn about the LSCA people-to-people program and how you can help make the world a better place, one person at a time. Visit LongmontSisterCities.com for more information and application forms.

Lee usted español? Para recibir City Line en español, llame al 303-651-8601.



A MESSAGE FROM Mayor Coombs

Volunteers needed for boards and commissions

I am often asked what I like best about being mayor. There are lots of “perks” to the job such as running council meetings and cutting ribbons. But the best part is being part of a team that influences the daily lives of residents and makes decisions about Longmont’s future.

I think I can speak for my fellow council members when I say we “signed up” for this job because we care about the community. I know from talking to many Longmont residents over the years that there are thousands of individuals just like us who want to be part of the decision-making process but for whatever reason – time or money or politics – don’t get involved.

If you want to make a difference in the community I urge you to volunteer for one of the more than 20 City boards, committees and commissions.

Those who participate often review, discuss and make recommendations to City Council on important issues facing the city.

I hope you will visit LongmontColorado.gov/board-application to see a list of current vacancies and to learn more about the application process.

Some boards require a greater time commitment than others, but I encourage you to find an area that matches your passion and interests. Then you can begin to participate in the process that will make a profound impact on our community.

Once you make the commitment, you too will feel the great sense of gratification that comes with knowing you made a difference in the lives of Longmont residents.

English language classes (ESL) for adults

Get a better job – and a brighter future!

St. Vrain Community Adult Education, a program of El Comité de Longmont, offers ESL classes for adults every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Classes meet at the First Congregational Church at 9th Avenue and Francis Street in Longmont. Registration is every Thursday at 9:30 am and 6 pm. The cost is \$20 for the fall semester. St. Vrain Community Adult Education also offers free citizenship classes. For more information, call El Comité de Longmont at 303-651-6125 or 303-651-0839.

LONGMONT CITY COUNCIL



Standing, left to right: Jeff Moore, Gabe Santos, Mayor Pro Tem Brian Bagley, Bonnie Finley
Seated, left to right: Sarah Levison, Mayor Dennis Coombs, Polly Christensen

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Find City Council meeting agendas at LongmontColorado.gov/city_council

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Water Meter Maintenance Program Begins in October



The City of Longmont conducts an annual maintenance program to replace residential water meters on a scheduled cycle to ensure measuring accuracy. Scheduled meter replacements are installed at no cost to the property owner. When a meter inside a house is due to be replaced, a City employee will place a tag on the front door to notify the resident and provide instructions for scheduling an appointment. If the meter is located in a pit outside a home, technicians will knock on the door before they begin work to let the resident know who they are and why they are working on the property.

For more information visit LongmontColorado.gov/water or call 303-651-8468.

Talk to your representatives at Coffee With Council

At Coffee with Council you can talk with two council members on any topic of your choice, and the coffee’s on us!

This month, Coffee with Council will be held from 9 to 10 am on Saturday, September 26, at Mr. Bean, 1844 Hover Street. Mayor Dennis Coombs and Mayor Pro Tem Brian Bagley are scheduled to attend.

Next month Coffee with Council will be on October 24 at the Longmont Senior Center.

For information about city council meetings, visit LongmontColorado.gov/city_council or call 303-651-8649.

New look coming to City parking tickets

The City of Longmont is giving its parking tickets an electronic makeover. New printed tickets soon will appear underneath wiper blades when you commit a parking infraction (a fancy way of saying no more handwritten tickets). The new tickets are white, completely typed, and longer in length than the former tickets, and they will not be printed on an envelope. Payment methods remain the same.

If you believe you've received a ticket in error, you have 10 days to appeal the ticket through an informal administrative form and 30 days to request and pay for a parking hearing through the Longmont Municipal Court. The City accepts only cash, check and

money orders payable to the City of Longmont as payment for parking violations.

If you'd like more information call 303-651-8658 or 303-774-4724, or visit LongmontColorado.gov and search "parking."



Have you shared your vision for Longmont's future? *Make sure your voice is heard!*



We hope you've had a chance to join the community conversation and let us know what you think is most important for Longmont's future.

Envision Longmont is a planning effort by the City to update and integrate its Comprehensive Plan and Multi-Modal Transportation Plan. Through the Envision Longmont process you can help make important decisions about our future.

Based on what we've heard from the community, we've identified these six guiding principles that reflect key elements of the community's desired future:

- Creating livable centers, corridors and neighborhoods
- Fostering job growth and economic vitality through innovation and collaboration
- Enhancing our transportation system

- Being responsible stewards of our resources
- Encouraging a safe, healthy, and adaptable community
- Supporting accessible services, amenities, and opportunities for all

Together, these principles drive the vision for the plan. Each guiding principle is accompanied by a series of goals that identify specific targets to support them.

An online version of the August community workshops is available through September. We are interested in feedback on the draft vision and guiding principles, the future land use map, focus areas and multimodal transportation needs, among other things.

A third series of community workshops will be held in mid-November. If you don't have time to attend a community meeting but want to make sure your voice is heard, please share your ideas through the website.

Visit EnvisionLongmont.com for more information and a list of other events and activities.

Introducing the Creation Station!



Have you noticed the interesting new window on 4th Avenue between Main and Kimbark? That's Community Services' new downtown space dedicated to STREAM programs – science, technology, reading, engineering, arts and math – for all ages. Check out the fall lineup of programs and events at LongmontColorado.gov; search "Creation Station."

Compost Your HALLOWEEN Pumpkins

Monday - Saturday

7:30 am to 4:45 pm

**Longmont Waste Diversion Center
140 Martin Street**

Take your Halloween pumpkins to the Waste Diversion Center and toss them in the tree limb pile to be composted.

SHRED IT

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 | 9 am to 2 pm

**Longmont Waste Diversion Center
140 Martin Street**

At this event Longmont residents can safely recycle sensitive documents. Bring your bagged or boxed papers to be shredded. This is for residential documents only; business documents are not accepted.

To participate in these events, take a photo ID and your most recent City of Longmont utility bill showing the waste management fee.

For more information visit LongmontColorado.gov/solidwaste or call 303-651-8416.

Park restrooms to close and park shelter reservations to end for the season

Most park restrooms will close on October 15 and will not reopen until April 2016. Only the following restrooms will remain open during the winter, or portable toilets will be placed on site by October 15:

- **McCall Lake** – vault toilet
- **McIntosh Lake** at west end – vault toilet
- **Roger's Grove** – portable
- **Golden Ponds** – portable
- **Roosevelt Park** by the stone shelter – portable
- **Sandstone Ranch** by the large shelter beginning November 15 – portable
- **Sandstone Ranch** by the tot playground/skatepark beginning November 15 – portable

Restrooms at Garden Acres, Clark Centennial and Sandstone Ranch community parks will remain open until November 15.

Park shelter reservations are not accepted for November through March, but you still can use shelters on a first-come, first-served basis. Special permits are required if you are holding a large event, charging admission, or serving or selling alcohol. Shelter reservations for April through October are accepted year-round; call 303-651-8404 or book online at LongmontColorado.gov/parks.

Visit bit.ly/parkfinder to discover all of Longmont's wonderful parks!

39th Annual HALLOWEEN PARADE & Trick or Treat Street

Dress up in your Halloween costume, march down Main Street, and visit Downtown participating merchants for Trick or Treat Street immediately following the parade. Kids of all ages can be part of Longmont's annual costume foot parade. No registration is required, and strollers or wagons are recommended for tiny feet. No motorized vehicles are allowed. Dogs are welcome but must be leashed, and no large animals, please. You can see the parade map at LongmontColorado.gov/rec. For more information, call 303-651-8404.



Saturday, October 31 • Parade line-up at 9:30 am at Roosevelt Park, 700 Longs Peak Avenue. Parade begins at 10 am and travels Main Street from Longs Peak Avenue to 3rd Avenue and back to the park.

Fall Windows to Wellness Fair



9 am to 1 pm
Saturday, October 10
Longmont Senior Center
910 Longs Peak Avenue

Discover a harvest of natural health options at this informative, hands-on health and wellness fair sponsored by Lucky's Market and Frontiere Meats. Shop at the Wellness Market for jewelry, locally produced items and many more treats. Sign up for 15-minute sessions with an alternative wellness practitioner for \$5 each. Past practitioners include acupuncture, massage, reiki, meridian tapping, palmistry, intuitive readings, Chinese medicine, craniosacral therapy and more! Please bring small bills to pay the practitioners. Appointments are taken at the fair on a first-come, first-served basis and spaces fill quickly. For additional information, call 303-651-8404 or visit LongmontColorado.gov/rec.

Union Reservoir camping ends October 31



Union Reservoir at 461 County Road 26 offers tent and RV camping on Friday and Saturday nights and holidays, May 1 through October 31. The cost is \$12/night. Admission to camping does not include the gate fee. Reserve your spot online at LongmontColorado.gov (search for "Union") or call 303-772-1265.

Recreation and Golf Services is looking for instructors

Do you have command of a particular subject, skills you would like to share, or a hobby that you would love to introduce to others?

Whatever it might be, we're always in search of new class topics and would love to hear about your class idea. Call Elizabeth at 303-651-8394 to find out more about teaching a class for Longmont Recreation and Golf Services!



Keep up with City meetings, events and classes at www.LongmontColorado.gov/calendar